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MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM FULTON MCKEE, USAF

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William F. McKee was born at Chilhowie, Virginia, October 17, 1906. He was graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, and commissioned a second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps of the Regular Army June 13, 1929.

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His first assignment upon graduation was with the 13th Coast Artillery at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. He later became a student at the Air Corps Primary Flying School at Brooks Field, Texas, from which he was graduated in September, 1930. He then went to Fort Randolph in the Canal Zone where he served as battery officer, police and prison officer and recruiting instructor of a battery in the First Coast Artillery. After two years service at that station, he was transferred to the 63rd Coast Artillery at Fort MacArthur, California, where he served as battery commander and assistant adjutant of the Harbor Defenses of Los Angeles and of the Civilian Conservation Corps District.

In September, 1935, he became a student at the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Virginia, and upon completion of the course the following June was assigned to Fort Mills, Corregidor, Philippine Islands, as regimental adjutant, plans, training and intelligence officer and battery commander of the 63rd Coast Artillery.

Returning to the United States in January, 1939, he was assigned to Ninth Corps Area headquarters at the Presidio of San Francisco, California.

The following October he was again ordered to foreign duty, this time at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, where he became battery commander and later commanding officer of the 66th Coast Artillery, transferring with that organization to Borinquen Field, Puerto Rico. In March, 1941, he was made senior instructor of the Puerto Rico National Guard and two months later became executive officer of the Caribbean Intelligence Command and the Provisional Air Defense Command.

In October, 1941, he returned to the United States for assignment to the 71st Coast Artillery at Fort Story, Virginia, as battalion commander and regimental adjutant of the First Battalion. He later performed the same duties when his division moved to the Naval Operating Base at Norfolk, Virginia.

In January, 1942, he was appointed chief of the Anti-Aircraft and Airdrome Defense Section and Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division at AAF headquarters in Washington. He later became executive officer for the Directorate of Air Defense and the Air Defense Branch in the office of the assistant chief of Air Service.

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In November, 1943, he became deputy assistant chief of air staff for operations, commitments and requirements.

In August, 1945, he transferred to the Air Corps and the following January was appointed chief of staff of Air Transport Command, with headquarters at Washington. The following August he went to Europe as commanding general of the European Division, 400th AAF Base Unit, with station at Paris, France. In December, 1946, he transferred to headquarters of the U. S. Air Force in Europe at Weisbaden, Germany, and the following month became commanding general of the Headquarters Command of USAFE at Wiesbaden.

Returning to the United States in August, 1947, he was assigned to the office of the Deputy Chief of Air Staff at USAF headquarters in Washington and announced as Assistant Deputy Chief of Air Staff for Administration. He was appointed Assistant Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force September 27, 1947.

Rated an Aircraft Observer, General McKee has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

#### PROMOTIONS

He was promoted to first lieutenant on November 1, 1934; to captain on June 13, 1939; to major (temporary) on October 10, 1941; to lieutenant colonel (temporary) on February 1, 1942; to colonel (temporary) on September 14, 1942; to brigadier general (temporary) on January 23, 1945; to major (permanent) on June 13, 1946; to major general (temporary) on October 31, 1947; to colonel (permanent) on April 2, 1948.

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